NEW YEAR'S IN WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTIONS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Dinner to the Diplomatic Corps by Secre tary Hay—Secretary Root Gives His Last Large Function Before Leaving the Cabinet-Speaker Cannon Receives

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- Everybody who

anybody in Washington-that is, in official Washington-and who was well enough to go or did not have some really good excuse to stay away, was at the White House to-day. The occasion was the President's New Year's reception, a time honored function that is nearly as old as the Republic and is as firmly grounded as it was in its earlier days, in spite of the almost general abandonment eisewhere of the custom of making New Year's calls. Just before 11 o'clock the bugle call known as "the President" sounded through chambers and corridors, and the red-coated musicians of the Marine Band, seated in the lobby, took up their instruments, prepared to start in on a programme of patriotic and other airs. Then down the carpeted stairway of the western end of the long corridor came the members of the receiving party, with some army and marine officers leading the way. Behind them came the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and some of the members of the Cabinet each with his wife or daughter, except Secretary Moody, who is a bachelor. Secre tary Hay was absent on account of sickness. While the band was playing the air the President and those with him walked to the Blue room, ready to face the ordeal

of more than three hours before them. The Cabinet, Members of Congress, Justices of the courts, army and navy officers and members of the Diplomatic Corps and the ladies of their families were among those received.

The British contingent was headed by Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the new Ambassador, soldier, tiger killer, explorer and diplomatist. Lady Durand accompanied him. It was Sir Henry's first appearance at any official function in Washington, and nearly everybody wanted to see what he looked like. They saw a big, broad shouldered, handsome man, whose stalwart frame and springy step told of the active life he had led.

While the official bodies were paying their respects to the President, a great crowd of people was forming in line outside the northwest gate of the White House grounds. There were men, women and children, white, black and yellow, in the crowd. On the official programme of the reception they were designated as "citizens."
Shortly after 1 o'clock the gate was opened, and the "citizens" invaded the White House. For an hour they passed through the reception parkers in one continuous stream, and every one of them got a handshake from the President.

From the White House the members of the Diplomatic Corps and the ladies of their the Diplomatic Corps and the ladies of their families went to the residence of the Secretary of State for the annual breakfast given in their henor. On account of his illness Secretary Hay was not able to be present. Mrs. Hay had to assist her two married daughters, Mrs. Payne Whitney of New York and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., of Geneseo, N. Y. The dining room and drawing rooms were decorated in pairs. and drawing rooms were decorated in palms ferns and other plants, mingled with plenty of holiday colors, red berries and red flowof holiday colors, red berries and red flow-ers. The diplomats stood while partaking of the breakfast, and the entire affair had its usual air of an afternoon tea. Mrs. Hay received in a gown of gray crepe de chine. Mrs. Whitney wore a gown of blue chiffon and velvet, and Mrs. Wadsworth white broadcloth trimmed in lace. All of the other Cabinet houses were open, with the exception of that of the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs.

Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Shaw, who are in mourning, and that of Secretary Moody, who closed his bachelor home and assisted Secretary Root in maintaining the hospitality of his house. nt the first part of the afternoon in assisting Mrs. Dewey, later joined the girls assisting Mrs. Root. A brilliant pagent of uniformed officers of the army and navy paid their respects and bid farewell to Secretary and Mrs. and bid farewell to Secretary and Mrs. Root, whose New Year's reception was their last large function before leaving the Cabinet circle. Mrs. Root wore a charming gown of black lace, and had assisting her Mrs. Chaffee, in a gown of Japaness embroidered white crepe; Mrs. Oliver, wife of the Assistant Secretary of War; Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Leonard Wood, Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Robert Gillespie, all prominent in army circles. The young girls who were with Miss Root in assisting her mother were Miss Roosevelt, Miss Mary Newbold and Miss Lowell, White House guests; Miss Oliver, Miss Marion Oliver, Miss Elizabeth Kean, Miss Christine Roosevelt, Miss Julie Fish and Miss Dorothea Draper of New

Fish and Miss Dorothea Draper of New York; Miss Sanger, Miss Florence Field and

From 12:30 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon the home of the Admiral and Mrs. Dewey was thronged with a brilliant crowd of uniformed men from the army and navy, the Marine Corps and official and resident the Marine Corps and official and resident society generally. Assisting Mrs. Dewey were Miss Roosevelt, Miss Sands, Miss Remey, Miss Swift, Miss Todd, Miss Fremont, Miss Bradford, Miss Sarah Walker, Miss Schroeder, Miss Sargent, Miss Southerland, Miss Casey, Miss Rush, Miss Hughes, Miss Butler, Miss Shepard, Miss Haldane, Miss Crosby and a number of other girls; the only matrons being Mrs. Richardson Clover and Mrs. Marble, wife of Lieut. Frank Marble.

For the first time in many years the officials and society people generally had an opportunity to pay their respects to the Speaker of the House. Miss Cannon received her father's guests, assisted by Mrs. Leseure, the married daughter of the Speaker. Miss Cannon wore a beautiful gown of white cloth trimmed in Venetian point. Mrs. Leseure wore a gown of white

oint. Mrs. Leseure wore a gown of white at embroidered in silver. Receiving with Miss Cannon and her sister were a number

Miss Cannon and her sister were a number of the wives of the colleagues of their father, among them being Mrs. Dalzell, Mrs. William Alden Smith, Mrs. Dwight, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Boutell, Mrs. Vandenbark and the Misses Warnock.

Senator and Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew joined hundreds of others at the capital to-day in throwing open their home for New Year's callers, and for some hours the Corcoran house was filled to overflowing. Mrs. Depew wore a gown of nile green Corcoran house was a gown of nile green Mrs. Depew wore a gown of nile green crepe de chine, trimmed with lace. Miss Paulding, who is the guest of the Senator and Mrs. Depew, was in the Blue room at the White House reception and later met the White House reception and later met her old friends at the Corcoran house.

CLICKED AROUND THE WORLD. Naval Observatory Announces the Birth of the New Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.-At midnight last night, on the exact second that marked the death of the old and the birth of the new year, an electric signal was sent from the United States Naval Observatory here to nearly all parts of the world. The great delegraph companies, with the exception of the "Eastern," which operates from Great Britain to India, cooperated with the observatory to send the click of the instrument at the Washington meridian nearly around the world. The time was flashed in every telegraph office in the United States and was taken up by the lines of the Canadian Government telegraph

United States and was taken up by the lines of the Canadian Government telegraph system and sent from Vancouver to Sitka and from Halifax to the West Indies.

By the Central and South American companies' wires it was fiashed to Panama, Idma, Valparaiso, Santiago, Mexico City, the Argentine Republic, and by the Pacific cables it went to Melbourne, Australia. At 1 o'clock the exact second was sent out for Central time; at 2 o'clock for Mountain, and at 3 o'clock Pacific time was sent to the Western's coast. To-day a number of replies announcing the success of the "fiash" were received from points in the United States and abroad

"PLAY QUICKSTEP MARCHES."

The President's Order to the Band When the Negroes Passed at His Reception. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- After the White House reception had been in progress about two hours to-day, a large number of negro veterans passed in line before the President. They moved slowly and each was inclined to occupy more than the con-ventional two seconds in the handshaking At this juncture the President spoke word to Major Symons, and immediately a plain clothes policeman hurried from the room, and, approaching the leader of the five guest rooms, scorched a dozen more Marine Band, said: "He says play quicksteps, fast marches and things."

At the same moment an army office standing near the President waved his hand frantically to the band leader, and the band struck up "Under the Bamboo Tree," in double quick time. Then the line of negroes moved faster.

GOV. ODELL'S RECEPTIONS. Not More Than 250 Persons at the Capito to Shake His Hand.

ALBANY, Jan. 1 .- The usual New Year's Day reception was held by Gov. Odell, in the executive chamber at the Capitol between 12 and 1 o'clock. The Governor was assisted in receiving by the member of his military staff, who were resplenden in their new uniforms, fashioned after the style of the dress uniforms of the Regula army officers. The feature of the reception was the beggarly attendance, not over 250 persons passing through the big room to shake the Governor's hand. The Governor appeared in unusually good spirits and passed the time cracking jokes with members of the staff.

From 4 to 6 o'clock this afternoon the Governor and Mrs. Odell gave a reception at the Executive Mansion for the Albany society contingent, which was attended also by a number of out of town guests.

To-night the Governor and family attended the charity ball given at the Armory in aid of the Albany City and Homosopathic hospitals, one of the society events of the vear

In fact, the reception was a frost the like of which has never been experienced even in a small degree by any other Governor At no time did the number of guests re ceived equal the number of the Governor's staff grouped about the Commander-in-Chief. As has been customary, a squad of police was sent to the Capitol to arrange the crowd in long lines and see that naught occurred to mar the harmony of the oc casion. There were, however, no crowde striving to get in line. What added a humorous feature to the scene was the presence of two members of the detective force of the city in the big chamber, where they have been seen in previous years when there was a big jam of callers.

NEW YEAR'S SIGHTS. strange Faces in Lower Manhattan-Hold

over Frivolities Uptown.

New Year's Day passed off in much th same quiet way that the day after New Year's Eve usually does. Although the sun was out most of the time, there was a depressing haziness about the atmosphere that harmonized well with bent horns battered hats and broken resolutions. The lower end of Manhattan was prac-

tically deserted save for the City Hall cere-monies and the tourists from over the bridge and ferries who took advantage o the rare opportunity to see the financial quarter of the city when there is room.

The street fakirs along Park Row adapted their stock to the occasion. In place of the usual climbing monkeys, musical baboons and hardware sundries, they offered guides to Manhattan, "100 views of New York, New Year's cards, and divers trinket

suitable for euchre prizes and church festivals. The business that the fakirs did fully justified their judgment.

In the upper part of town a few survivors of the night before were sticking bravely to it. One sad eyed celebrant on Sixth avenue yesterday afternoon took muddled delight in stopping in front of boot blacks' stands and blowing his horn in the ears

of the patrons. Have it your own way, Mr. Hornblower, said one victim resignedly. "Some people don't get a chance to blow their horns

Owing either to the spirit of the day or to the reluctance of a victim to give pursuit with only one shoe shined, the horn blower when last seen was still at it.

A preacher whose name is a household

word, in some houses, recently advised against New Year's resolutions. Whethe it was this, or the turkeys and souveni pocketbooks and match safes offered at many saloons, there was no falling off in

many saloons, there was no falling off in the retail liquor trade.

Everybody seemed to be spending a fairly happy New Year's—everybody except one) tired eyed unfortunate who was softly sobbing into a highball in the back room of a Tenderioin saloon.

"Don't talk t'me of happy N'years," he mourned. "Meant t'swear off on sh' first. But got takin' s'many one las' drinks [sob] time shlipped by, an' [sob] an' now I gotter. time shlipped by, an' [sob] an' now I gotter wait till way nex' year [sob, sip, sob.]

GEN. CORBIN'S NEW YEAR PUNCH The Commander of the Department o

the East Entertains His Officers. Major-Gen. H. C. Corbin gave a New Years reception yesterday to the officers of the Department of the East at his Governors Island headquarters. The General made a punch especially for the occasion.

The punch was all the more appreciated because Governors Island is threatened with a water famine. The General's aide decamp, Capt. Maus, is very stanch in his defence of the post's comforts, but even he admitted at the reception that for the last few days he'd had to wait patiently. the last few days he'd had to wait patientl

for enough water to crawl up to the faucet of the officers' quarters to wash his hands. "We get all our water by pipe from New York, now." he admitted. "We've been sinking artesian wells for several years. We've sunk one, I believe, 600 feet and still there's nothing doing."

Any amount of water pipes might have been cut yesterday. Gen. Corbin's punch would still have remained.

"It's made of tea and claret and whiske and lemon and ice and sugar," said Gen Corbin. "I made it this morning while my wife and aide were attending to the decorations. No, I just guessed at the proportions, but it hasn't any Medford

rum."
While Cols. Appleton of the Seventh Regiment, George Dyer of the Twelfth, Bartlett of the Twenty-second and Morris of the Seventy-first were praising the punch's composition in the headquarters parlor the band of the Eighth Infantry played in a summer house outside and the Fort Hamilton orchestra chimed in from an alcove. from an alcove.

9,000 MEN AT ONE MASS. Service at the Cathedral for the Holy

Name Society. The New Year celebration at St. Patrick' Cathedral yesterday morning was given for the Holy Name Society, v. bich is the largest the Holy Name Society, v. rich is the largest Catholic men's organization in the State. It was estimated that there were 9,000 people present, of whom less than 100 were women. The Holy Name Society of every parish in the diocese was represented.

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The men formed in line on Fifth avenue and Fifty-first street and were escorted to the Cathedral in delegations of 300 by the Cathedral fife and drum corps.

Archbishop Farley presided on the throne, and at the close of the service bestowed the apostolic benediction and addressed the congregation. Father Keep restree to congregation. Father Kean, rector of Holy Name Church, was the celebrant of the mass, assisted by Father Healy of St. Martin's, Father St. John of St. Bernard's and Father Thomas Murphy of the Cathedral. Vicar-General Lavelle preached the

MURRAY HILL HOTEL ABLAZE,

3 ALARMS-TOP BURNED THROUGH AND PROPRIETOR ANGRY.

Was a Little Blaze, Says Mr. Jacques and the Firemen Spilled Too Much Water-Burned Several Rooms Out No Panie, Nobody Hurt; Small Loss.

A fire on the sixth floor of the Murray Hill Hotel yesterday afternoon burned out and did about \$15,000 damage. Nobody was hurt and there was no panic.

There were conflicting stories as to where and how the fire started, and Washington Jaques, the proprietor of the hotel, told one which the firemen and police flatly contradicted.

Mr. Jaques began by denouncing the firemen for using as much water as they did and for hacking down several of the lath and plaster partitions between the

"There was just a little blaze," he said. "It was in one room only, and could have been put out with three hand extinguishers. About all the damage is from water and unnecessary chopping by the firemen. Instead of considering the fire as a trifle equiring only three extinguishers, Deputy

Chief Duane and Battalion Chief Farrell of the Fire Department thought that there should be three alarms. The first alarm was sent in about 3 o'clock. It was two hours after that before the fire was all out, and it was after 6 o'clock before the firemen got all through making sure that there was no more danger.

The fire started in one of the sixth floor rooms on the Forty-first street side of the hotel, about half way back from the Park avenue front. It spread both ways through the rooms on each side of the Forty-first street corridor, worked its way up through the ceiling into the servants' floor, which extends only about half the distance of the floor below, and burned through the tar

and pebble covered roof.

Chief Farrell was the first of the battalion commanders to get there. He ordered the second alarm. Deputy Chief Duane sent the third. The police were not behind sent the third. The police were not bening the firemen in taking precautions. Inspector McLaughlin sent for the reserves from five precincts. The crowd outside was big enough and excited enough to make long police lines, formed in close order, necessary. It was a nervous crowd and Chicago theatre horror and the fire of two years ago in the Park Avenue Hotel, ten blocks below the Murray Hill. As to how the fire started this story was

"It began in room f98, one of the manager's own suite, where they had been burn-ing sulphur because of the illness of a child. The flame set fire to the draperies." The child referred to was said to be the proprietor's grandson, Channing Jaques. He was carried by his grandmother to another part of the hotel as soon as the fire started.

Two frightened chambermaids climbed down the Forty-first street fire escape. Three women guests of Mrs. Jaques were dazed by the first shock of their fire fright and remained where they were, on the and remained where they were, on the sixth floor, apparently helpless. Three policemen led them down stairs. These policemen, Edward Morton, Henry Giery and Bernard Ditsch, did a lot of good work assuring top floor guests that there was plenty of time to get out, and helping them with their baggage.

The guests were not warned by the hotel fire alarm. When asked about this, Proprietor Jaques said that the alarm was not given because it was not necessary.

not given because it was not necessary. Mr. Jaques was angry when told about the story of the sick child and the sulphur ne.
There's no sick child in the house,"

the exclaimed, "and there was no sulphur. The fire started in room 632, which was unoccupied. It didn't even have a carpet on the floor. It has been vacant because of a leaky roof ever since the subway explosion damaged the hotel."

Deputy Chief Duane thought that possibly an electric light wire had caused the fire, but he wasn't sure. Battalion Chief Farrell said:
"I would like to know what kind of ex-

"I would like to know what kind of ex-tinguishers the hotel proprietor was talking about when he said three of them would have stopped the fire. They must be mighty good ones. We needed all the men and all the water that we used to save the two top floors and the roof from going en-tirely. There were no steel girders. The floor beams were all wood and the partitions were all lath and plaster, so it was not a were all lath and plaster, so it was not a fire to fool with. Not a drop of water was

Police Capt. Gorman agreed with the fire chief rather than with Mr. Jaques. He was the first precinct commander to get to was the first precinct commander to get to the hotel and he spent the greater part of the afternoon upstairs where the blaze was. A hotel porter was first to report the fire downstairs and Policeman John C. lark on post in Park avenue gave the first

CAPT. FREDERICK PABST DEAD. The Well Known Milwankee Brewer Fxpires After a Long Illness.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 1 -- Capt. Frederick Pabst, president of the Pabst Brewing Company, died at his home at noon to-day He would have been 68 years of age in March. For the past four years Capt. Pabst's health had been failing.

He made several trips to Europe, spending much of his time in Carlsbad, and a year ago went to California in the hope that he would be benefited. While in Los Angeles last Februsry, he had a severe attack and it was feared he was dying. He rallied and returned home, but he never recovered from the attack. He im-proved after his return home and took up

the threads of business moderately, but the improvement did not continue. This morning he suffered a relapse and began to fail rapidly. He retained his consciousness until ten minutes before the end, when he became unconscious and assed away. Capt. Pabet was born in Germany in 1836

capt. Panet was born in Germany in 1836 and came to this country with his parents in 1848. In 1862 he married the daughter of Philip Best, then one of the leading Milwaukee brewers, send soon afterward invested the money he had made in steamboating in the brewery owned by his fatherials. His connection marked a new de ne-law. His connection marked a new de-parture. He was not satisfied with the old ways, but introduced new methods in brewing, new machinery, and with his in-domitable energy built up a large industry which grew into the immense business of

Capt. Pabet was one of the most public spirited of Milwaukee's citizens. Open handed and generous he was always ready to assist in any undertaking which would be for the benefit of the community of comfort of its citizens. One of his characteristic acts of gen-

One of his characteristic acts of generosity was giving \$14,000 at the time of the soldiers' reunion here, in order that old soldiers might occupy the seats which were erected on the lake front to view the spectacle of the naval battle.

This is only one of many instances of the generosity of the big hearted brewer.

Capt. Pabst leaves a wife and four children, Col. G. G. Pabst, Frederick Pabst, Jr., and Mrs. W. O. Goodrich of this city, and Mrs. Schoenlein of Germany. All, with the exception of Col. Pabst, were at the bedside when Capt. Pabst died.

Shotgun Beat Revolver.

James McLaughlin of Railroad avenue Harrison, N. J., a saloon keeper, discharged load of shot into Joseph Mulvey, 25 years old, of that city. Mulvey and a number of ther young men had a fight in McLaughother young men had a nght in mclaugh-lin's place yesterday afternoon, and Mclaughlin put them all out. An hour later Mulvey returned with a revolver with which he threatened Mclaughlin, who shot him before he could fire. Mulvey was taken to St. Michael's Hospital. Newark, where it was said that he could not live. Mclaugh-lin is in control.

A BOUT one cocktail in twenty strikes you as 'just it." If you like to gamble with what you drink-mix your own cocktails. Connoisseurs prefer cer-

tainty. GOLD LION Cocktails (ready to ice) never vary GOLD LION Cocktails—Seven kinds — Manhattan, Vermouth, Whiskey, Martini, Tom Gin, Dry Gin—and the American Of good wine merchants The Cook & Bernheimer Co.

COULD DRAW ON TRUST FUND

AHLMANN HAD A RESOURCE IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE.

His Father and Grandfather Provided 61.200.000 to Educate Members of the Family and Help Them if They Became Distressed-May Find Bonds.

The new facts brought out yesterday regarding the affairs of Otto Ahlmann, the ashier and practical owner of the Bank of Staten Island, at Stapleton, tend to deepen the mystery surrounding the motives for his suicide at the Albemarie Hotel on Wednesday night. The bonds, which are supposed to have been missing, may be still in the possession of the bank, and not till to-day will it be known whether a shortage exists. Even if they are lost, their disappearance ought not to have been a matter sufficiently serious to drive Ahlmann to such a desperate step, as his family by this time has been proved abundantly able to help him out of any financial difficulty into which he might get.

The bonds consist of stock issued by the Chicago and Alton Railway and the Colorade and Southern Railway. Their present market value is \$188,000. As a rule, they were kept in a safe deposit vault, which the Bank of Staten Island rented in the Produce Exchange safe deposit vaults in this borough. He was to take them from there on Wednesday to present them to State Bank Examiner A. C. Judson for examination that afternoon.

It is not known actually whether the bonds are in the vault, and only the suicide of Ahlmann has led to the consuicide of Animain has led to the con-clusion that these papers must be missing. State Banking Superintendent Kilburn will open the vault to-day and take possession of whatever be found in it. Mr. Judson continued his work at the bank all day continued his work at the bank all day yesterday, examining accounts and documents. At a late hour yesterday he had found no irregularities. He was then sorting the deposits received on Wednesday, before the suicide of Ahlmann had become known. These will be kept separate from the other funds of the bank and held subject to the directions of the Court. It is likely that all money deposited that day will be returned to the owners.

Communication with Ahlmann's father at Kiel Germany, was established yester-

at Kiel, Germany, was established yester-day, and directions were received for the embalming of the body, with a view to its removal to Germany. It was learned that the elder Ahlmann is a millionaire several times over and that he would have given any assistance his son might have needed. This was hardly a choice with him, but his duty under the provisions of a trust fund established by the founder of the family, the grandfather of the man who committed

The first Ahlmann gave \$600,000 to this fund, directing that it should be used for the education of members of the family, whether nearly or distantly related, and for the relief of any member who might get into difficulty or distress. To this fund \$600,000 more was added later by the present head of the family. That the dead man would have been able to draw beyond a doubt. It could not be learned yesterday whether any shortage, if any exists, left by him might be covered from the same source, but several persons connected with the affairs of the bank seemed

prompt him to take his own life because his suit was rejected. They felt sure that unless some hitherto unknown cause is unless some hitherto unknown cause is found the suicide must be attributed to the disappearance of the bonds and Ahlmann's fear of even temporary disgrace. While he must have known that he could make good the shortage by drawing on the family fund, they said, he knew also that the bank examiners could not take cognizance of the fact, but would be obliged to close the bank the moment they found that the londs were missed. found that the bonds were missed

JAMES J. BELDEN DEAD.

The Former Congressman and Republican Leader Expires at His Syracuse Home. James J. Belden, former Congressman cuse. He was one of the best known Re-

and owner of the Hotel Manhattan in this city, died yesterday at his home in Syrapublicans in the State and a successful business man. His fortune is estimated at \$10,000,000 and his friends think that a good slice of it will go to the Syracuse

University.

James Jerome Belden was born in Fabius, Onondaga county, N. Y., on Sept. 30, 1825, his ancestors being Puritans. He received a common school education in Fabius and worked in a store for some time before ne moved to Syracuse. It wasn't long before he was on the road to wealth. He made his fortune in railroad building, canal contracts and land speculation. He established banks, and all his business

enterprises were successful. Mr. Belden entered politics and soon became the local Republican leader in Syracuse. His power spread over the State and he became the boss of Onondaga county. He had many political fights with Francis Hendricks and former Senator Frank Hiscock. In 1877 and 1878 he was elected Mayor of Syracuse. He was elected Frank Hiscock. In 1877 and 1878 he was elected Mayor of Syracuse. He was elected to Congress from 1887 to 1886. Before the Fifty-first Congress expired he was made chairman of the Republican national Con-

chairman of the Republican national Congressional committee.

When Mr. Belden went to Congress he gave a dinner at the Arlington Hotel in Washington, at which he gained the support of the New York delegation for Thomas B. Reed for Speaker.

On Oct. 25 last Mr. Belden and his wife celebrated, in their apartments in the Manhattan Hotel, the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Mrs. Belden was Miss Mary Anna Gere of Syracuse.

Mr. Belden is survived by his wife and two sisters.

Says Asphalt Company Owes Him. TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 1 .- Aaron Ward of Camden, a contractor who has operated as Aaron Ward & Co., filed to-day in the United States District Court a schedule of liabilities in connection with his petition to be declared a bankrupt. Ward owes about \$75,000 and avers that he has claims aggregating \$100,000 against the Columbia Construction Company, one of the consti-tuent companies of the Asphalt Company of

Sues Mine Owner for Breach of Promis DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 1 .- Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp has brought action against C. H. Crabtree, a wealthy mine owner, demanding \$25,000 damages for breach of promise.

Mrs. Sharp alleges that she was to have been married to Mr. Crabtree on Dec. 29 and that her son journeyed all the way from Denver to witness the ceremony.

GAS KILLS TWO; TWO ARRESTS

MAN ANDWIFE LOCKEDUP; THEIR CALLERS DEAD.

brennan, Who Found His Wife, McKeon and the Latter's Grandchild Overcome, Didn't Get Medical Aid for Two Hours -Wife Says She Turned On the Gas

A New Year's call yesterday resulted in the death of Harry McKeon, 60 years old, a driver, of 522 First avenue, and his four-year-old grandson, Matthew Dempsey. They were killed by gas in the rooms of John Brennan and his wife, Ellen, who live on the second floor of the enement at 327 East Thirty-second street. Mrs. Brennan was unconscious from the escaping gas for four hours, when she was finally revived. She was arrested and locked up in the East Thirty-fifth street station on a charge of homicide. She said that she had turned on the gas because her husband had ill treated her and she wanted to die. Her husband was

arrested on suspicion.

The strange part of the whole thing is that it was two hours after Brennan had discovered the bodies of McKeon and the boy before medical aid reached the house.

boy before medical aid reached the house. Brennan started for a doctor and because he didn't find one he made no attempt to call an ambulance or notify the police. It is possible that if a doctor had been called in time, the lives of McKeon and his grandson might have been saved.

McKeon, who has been a friend of, the Brennans for a long time, had been invited to call yesterday afternoon. He took the boy along, and they got to the house about 2 o'clock. Brennan sent out and bought a quart bottle of whiskey and some beer.

Brennan says he left the house about 4:30 o'clock to keep an appointment with a friend on First avenue. He returned in 4:30 o'clock to keep an appointment with a friend on First avenue. He returned in about an hour. McKeon was lying on the floor unconscious, as Brennan thought. His wife and the boy were lying on the bed as though they had suddenly been overcome and flung themselves down to rest. Brennan felt sure that his wife was alive, but he thought that the boy was dead.

The room was filled with gas, which was escaping from one of the jets. One of the burners was lighted, while the gas was escaping from the other, which was used to

escaping from the other, which was used to supply a heater. Brennan, who had been drinking, was too

muddled to think of telling any one in the house or calling for assistance. He walked out of the house to get Dr. Charles M. Hickey of 155 East Thirty-fourth street. Dr. Hickey wasn't at home, so Brennan sat down and waited at least an hour. Then he decided that he ought to go back to the house. He didn't tell any one at the doctor's office what he wanted the doctor

In the mean time tenants in the house smelled the gas still coming from the jet. Frank Lee, the landlord, who lives in the house, and Frank Barrett, who lives on the same floor as the Brennans, entered the rooms. McKeon and the boy were dead by that time. The two men, on the chance that there might be some life in the boy, put him out on the fire escape where there would be more air.
Then they went to work on Mrs. Brennan

Just about that time Brennan returned to the house and said that he was trying to get a doctor. Evidently the two men were very much interested in trying to revive Mrs. Brennan, for they didn't think of sending for an ambulance.

sending for an ambulance.

It was 7:30 o'clock when Brennan told Policeman Shanley of the East Thirty-fifth street station. Shanley called an ambulance from Bellevue Hospital and Dr. Pearson took Mrs. Brennan to the hospital.

When she had been revived the doctors got from her the statement that she had turned on the gas. The police don't put much faith in it because she was still under the influence of liquor. She said that her husband beat her and did not give her enough to eat, and she wanted to die. Brennan denied it, saying that he was afraid that his wife's mind had been upset

by the gas.

McKeon lived with his daughter. Mrs. Margaret Dempsey, the mother of the boy who was killed. She was having a party when told of the death of her father and son.

UNLUCKY WITH HUSBANDS

Mrs. Smith's Second Kills Himself on New Year's as Did No. 1. JULESBURG, Col., Jan. 1 .- Soon after the death of the old year last night Milo B. Smith, a ranchman living four miles west of this place, killed himself by shooting. Mr. Smith had been ill for a long time. He leaves a widow whose first husband committed suicide on a New Year's morning under similar conditions.

Conrad Brown Burned to Death.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Jan. 1 .- Conrad Brown was burned to death this morning at his home in North Sixth avenue, Moun Vernon. He was walking in his sleep when he upset a lighted oil stove near his bed. He was a soldier in the civil war. He leaves a widow and five children.

OBITUARY.

Robert O Babbitt of Jersey City, died at Laredo, Tex., on Thursday. He was born in Paterson, N. J., in 1648. In the 708 he became a member of the law firm of Pitts, Linn & Babbitt. He was later associated with Robert L. Lawrence in the practice of law. They dissolved partnership several years ago. Mr. Babbitt was largely interested in land deals in Mexico and in recent years he has made many trips to Saltillo and Mexico City. He represented the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company. He was stricken with pneumonia in Mexico and suffered a relapse. Friends hurried him across the border and he died in his own country. His wife survives him.

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Affred Williams, the oldest National Guard Captain in this country, died at Newark yesterday in his eightieth year. He was elected Captain of Company D, Second Regiment, N. G., N. J., in July, 1884, and remained commander of the same company until April, 1893. Before the civil war he was Captain of the Union Bhies in Newark, which was subsequently made Company D, Second Regiment, and later Company D, First Regiment. During the war he was in the employ of the Government as a mechanic in the Nashville, Team, car shops with the rank of Lieutenant of the defense corps of the shops. He leaves a widow, but no children.

Col. William Henry Owen, a veteran of the civil war and for the last fifteen years civil engineer in the army Quartermaster's Department, died at his residence in Washington on Thursday After graduating from Bowdoin College in 1861, he was appointed First Lieutenant in the Third Infantry. The same year he was transferred to the Quartermaster's Department, where he served until the close of the war on the staffs of Gens. Sedgwick, Sickles and Warren, and was mustered out with the rank of Colonel. He hen returned to civil engineering, and, among other roads, assisted in the construction of the Northern Pacific.

Mrs. Samuel H. Cooper, the mother of Commissioner of Public Works Cooper of Yonkers, died yesterday at the family residence, 514 Warburton avenue. She was born in 1827. Her funeral will be held at the house to-morrow afternoon, and the interment will be in Oakland Cemetery.

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Mary Trenholm Lackie of this city died in Utica on Thursday night, following a week's illness with pneumonia. Her husband, William Lackie, a railroad contractor, died eleven years ago in this city. Mrs. Lackie's funeral will be held in Baltimore on Sunday.

Capt. David W. Houghton, U. S. V., a veteran of the civil war, died at his residence near Washington yesterday. He served throughout the war in Battery E. First Ohio Light Artillery, and since 1879 had been connected with the War Department.

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John Barrett Harrison, a veteran of the Mexican war and one of the oldest natives of Washington, died at his home in that ciyesterday, in his eighty-sixth year. Duritathe war with Mexico he served as sergeant in the District of Columbia Volunteers.

Mrs. Albert W. Palmer died last night at her residence, 57 Harrison street, East Orange. She was a daughter of Stephen B. Alling and was born in Vewark in 1834. Her husband died ten years ago. They had eleven children, of whom ten survive her.

Chester W. Kingsley, a banker, of Cam-

of whom ten survive her.

Chester W. Kingsley, a banker, of Cambridge, Mass., died yesterday, aged 79. He had served several terms in the Legislature and had aided financially the Worcester Academy, Colby University and the Newton Theological Institution.

Ex-State Senator John P. Newman of Clayton, Ky, who was elected Circuit Judge at the last election and was to have taken office next Monday, died yesterday aged 43.

THE STORY OF THE MEN OF MACHIAS

By EDWARD WILSON VERY, late of the U. S. Navy

An interesting article, the first of a series of nine which will appear in the Saturday pplement of The Evening Post, giving a history of the start and development of our Navy and the men who were part of and helped to make it, also a sketch of the new Navy, WILL APPEAR IN TO-DAY'S ISSUE OF

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FBAST OF GREAT DEMOCRATS. SOME OF THE LEADERS EXPECTED

All Factions in This State to Be Represented by Their Chieftains-Cleveland, Parker, Olney and Hill to Sit at the Same Board-Harmony.

AT M'CLELLAN DINNER.

The dinner to be given to Mayor McClellan at Sherry's on Monday promises to be the biggest Democratic love feast this State has witnessed for many years A determined effort will be made at that dinner. said a man high in the party last night, to weld all the factions of the party in the State into a harmonious whole. Incidentally a Presidential boom may be sprung for the furtherance of that purpose

While the dinner is planned by the Demo crats of this city, the guest list will include prominent members of the party from all corners of the State and from many other States besides. The men who are thought to have the greatest confidence of the rank and file of the party all over the country have been invited, and most of then have promised to come. William Jennings Bryan is on the ocean, homeward bound. Whether he would have been invited it he had not been absent could not be learned vesterday.

Special pains have been taken to have every group and faction of the party within the State of New York represented by the man or men having the greatest influence in it. Thus such leaders as ex-Senator Murphy of Troy, Smith M. Weed of Platts-burg and Justice D. Cady Herrick of Al-bany have been asked and have accepted bany have been asked and have accepted the invitation. From this city Leader Charles F. Murphy will be on hand, and it is expected that Hugh McLaughlin will not fail to appear. The total number of guests will be about 250.

The committee on arrangements and in-vitations has W Bourke Cookran for chair-

vitations has W. Bourke Cockran for chair man and M. Warley. Platzek for secretary. The other members of the committee are August Belmont, John G. Carlisle, Hugh Kelly, John D. Crimmins, Ashbel P. Fitch, Nathan Straus, George Ehret, J. Edward Simmons, Joseph C. Hendrix, Abraham R. Lawrence and Hugh J. Grant.

Among the national leaders of the Democracy who are expected are ex-President Cleveland, the Hon. Richard Olney, Judge Gray of Delaware and Chief Judge Alton B. Parker of the Court of Appeals, all of whom will occupy seats at the table with the new Mayor. Senator Gorman of Maryland would have come but for the fact that the man and M. Warley Platzek for secretary

would have come but for the fact that the debate on the Panama Canal treaty will open in the Senate on Monday.

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David B. Hill will also be on hand and will make a speech, as will ex-President Cleveland. The other speakers of the occasion, so far as known, will be William H. Gaston of Massachusetts, Congressman David A. De Armond of Missouri, Mayor McClellan All the Democratic members of the Su preme Court will attend the dinner. There seems to have been some hesitation among them at first when the invitations were re-

eived, on the ground that "the affair might be too political," but they changed their minds when the true object of the dinner ad been explained to them.

Gov. Garvin of Rhode Island and Gov Montague of Virginia have received inv

Mr. Cockran said last night that he did not think the dinner was to be a national affair, but simply a send-off to Mayor McClellan by all Democrats interested the election—that is, the last election

FOUND A \$200 CHECK. Newsbey Picks One Up in the Tenderloin -- Police Have It Now. Max Grauer, an eleven-year-old newsboy

and Twenty-sixth street last night. The check was drawn on the Columbia National Bank of Indianapolis. It was made payable to and indorsed by Dr. Thomas Reilly. and was signed by T. J. Conover. The boy took the check to the Tenderloin station and handed it to the regent, who said: "My, but you are an honest boy. I suppose if it was real money you would have brought it here just the same."
"Say, are you crazy?" said the boy.

found a \$200 check in the street at Broadway

FIRE PUT OUT AT SEA. Cargo of Cotton on the El Valle, Bound to New York, Was Burned.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 1 .- The steame España, from Ceiba, which arrived to-nigh reports that on Dec. 30 she encountered the Southern Pacific steamer El Valle, from Galveston to New York, which signalled for assistance.

The cotton in the hold of the El Vaile was on fire, and a large part of it was jet-tisoned. After some time the Galveston steamer reported that the fire was under

TO HELP SOFT COAL MINERS. United Mine Workers to Aid Them I Resisting Wage Reduction.

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Jan. 1 .- Delegates from this region to the national convention of the United Mine Workers are being instructed to vote for using every means to prevent the proposed reduction of wages in the soft coal regions.

C. D. Gallagher, a miners' official, says that there will probably be some strikes in the effort to prevent the reduction and that the anthracite workers will aid their off ceal brothers with large formerick.

soft coal brothers with large financial Unions Bounce Their Walking Delegates Several of the locals of the district counoil of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, which

the Brothernood of Carpenters, which has signed the arbitration agreement of the employers' association, have decided not to elect walking delegates. A start has been made on the new policy by Carpenters' Union 309, which held a meeting in Bohemian National Hall to elect officers, but decided that walking delegates who but decided that walking delegates, who are paid officers, were no longer necessa y. A Union's \$40,000 Christmas Fund.

It was announced vesterday by the Window Glass Workers' Union that District Assembly 300, Knights of Labor, with which it is affiliated, made an appropriation of \$40,000 to give every member who is out of work \$10 with which to celebrate Christmas and New Year's.

Relling Mill Starts Up

McKersport, Pa., Jan. 1.-The Nationa Rolling Mill, subsidary to the National Tube Company, started operations to-day after a shutdown of a month. The tube and pipe mills, that have not been idle so long, will resume next Sunday at midnight. About 8,000 men are employed.

Crush of New Year Water Wagons Out Narrow Nassau street and Park row were blocked and jammed yesterday by a crush of new water wagons. But the police were confident that conditions would improve to-day.

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10.00 Custom Shoes, 5.98.

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SMOKED PIPE 73 YEARS.

Aunt Lovicia Cox Able to Chop Wood and Carry Water at Age of 108. BANGOR, Me., Jan. 1. - Aunt Lovicia Tenney Cox of Harrington, Washington county, will be 105 years years old on Jan. 12, having been born in the neighboring town of Columbia on Jan. 12, 1799.

Aunt Lovicia has smoked a pipe ever since she was 32 years old, has raised four children, of whom only one survives, and has, besides doing her housework, helped her husband in the fields, and hired out as housekeeper for neighbors.

She still has good eyesight and hearing and reads the papers regularly. It is her boast that she can chop wood and carry water now, but her daughter, Mrs. Eliza Ann Shaw, with whom she lives, won't

NEBRASKA DEMOCRATS UNITED. anti-Bryan Men Taken Back Into the Jacksonian Club.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan 1 .- The Democrats of Nebraska are again united. Those who supported Bryan and those who opposed the free silver advocate for the Presidency met to-night at the annual banquet of the Jacksonian Club. Among the guests were many of the prominent Democrats of Omaha who were expelled from the club six years ago because of their opposition to Bryan and who were reinstated a few

days ago by a unanimous vote.

Besides Judge John M. Reed of Des
Moines, Congressmen Gilbert M. Hitchcock
of Nebraska, Congressman David A. Dearmond of Missouri and Senator Francis G.
Newland of Nevada, who responded to toasts, there were present a number of well known Democrats from the smaller well known Democrats from the smaller towns in Nebraska, among them ex-Con-gressman Shallenberger of Alabama, Judge W. H. Thompson and Judge J. J. Tompson of Grand Island, Judge Good of Wahoo and Representative Vlask of Prague. Cir-cuit Attorney Joseph W. Folk of St. Louis was to have responded to a toast, but was

CATHOLICS LEAVING FAITH. Bishop Van de Vyver Says They Are Being

Led Away From Church. RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 1.- The Right Rev Van de Vyver, in his New Year's address at St. Peter's Cathedral, made the statement that members of the Catholic Church in this State and country are falling from the faith.

The Bishop began his talk with a reference to France, in which country, he said. Catholicism was dead. Continuing, he said that Catholics in this country were

deserting their Church and he prayed that conditions might not become similar to those in France. In the most earnest manner the speaker exhorted his hearers to stand fast, and not to allow themselves to be led away from their Church W. J. Wright of Troy Kills Himself. Boston, Mass., Jan. 1 .- William J. Wright of Troy, N. Y., committed suicide by taking

strychnine at his boarding place on Pembroke street last night. Wright was 41 years old and married. Resolvent

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